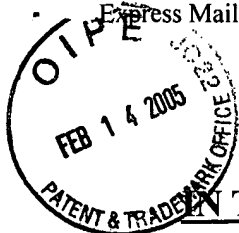


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Zacharia:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 23, 2004, which has a shortened statutory period for response that will end on March 23, 2004, please amend the claims and consider the remarks as follows.